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- 1. BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER, FSO-3 JANE POTTER, HAS ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT SHE WILL RETIRE FROM FOREIGN SERVICE IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR AND PLANS TO DEPART FROM LIMA IN EARLY JULY (SEE HER LETTER OF FEBRUARY 25 TO MARGIE MALLORY OF PER/CA/FS/ARA). POTTER'S PRINCIPAL FSL ASSISTANT WILL BE GOING ON MATERNITY LEAVE IN EARLY AUGUST.
- 2. UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, BOTH BUDGET PREPARATION TIME AT END OF FISCAL YEAR AS WELL AS IMPLEMENTATION TIME AT BEGINNING OF NEW FISCAL YEAR ARE HEAVY WORK LOAD PERIODS. MOREOVER, WHILE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AS YET FROM DEPARTMENT, IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET CYCLE TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR FY-1976 MIGHT WELL PLACE ADDITIONAL DEMANDS ON BUDGET AND FISCAL STAFF DURING THIS OTHERWISE BUSY PERIOD.
- 3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S URGENT ATTENTION TO ASSIGNMENT OF EXPERIENCED REPLACEMENT FOR POTTER, IDEALLY, THERE SHOULD BE A SHORT OVERLAP FOR POTTER TO FULLY BRIEF HER SUCCESSOR DURING THIS KEY PERIOD OF CHANGE. AT A MINIMUM, HOWEVER, A CONTACT REPLACEMENT IS ESSENTIAL SO THAT POTTER'S REPLACEMENT CAN AT LEAST BENEFIT FROM A SUBSTANTIAL OVERLAP WITH THE SENIOR PERUVIAN BUDGET AND FISCAL ASSISTANT BEFORE SHE DEPARTS FOR MATERNITY UNCLASSIFIED

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